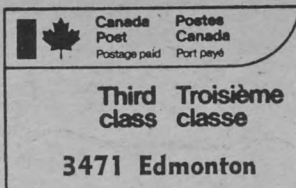
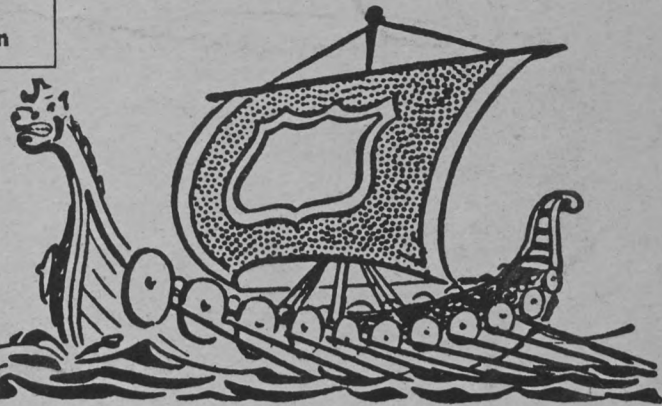


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MAGNUSSEN WINS MEDAL

NORTH HILL NEWS OPENS NEW PLANT

On Friday, February 18, North Hill News (Edmonton) Ltd. held an open house to celebrate the installation of a new color printing press. The new press marks a new era in the printing industry in Alberta.

The Hon. F. H. Peacock, Minister of Industry for Alberta, officially pressed the button that put the revolutionary press into operation.

The new press is the only machine of its kind in Alberta that is capable of producing color on glossy paper at high speed production.

The printing industry in Alberta has been in need of such a printing press for many years. The closest points up until now capable of the same operation, have been in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

It is now possible for Alberta firms to have all of their printing done right here rather than going outside the province.

Friday's official opening also marked the end of a legend in the printing industry of Alberta. On January 1st, 1972 Mr. Roy Farran, M.L.A., founder and president of North Hill News, officially turned over ownership of the company to Mr. Leif Erickson.

Mr. Farran founded North Hill News in 1954 in Calgary. He began with one small printing press and a lot of enthusiasm.

The company grew and prospered and in 1966, North Hill News (Edmonton) came into being. Today, North Hill News provides services throughout the entire province.

Mr. Farran is a well-known Albertan and was formerly on the Calgary City Council. Since the sale of North Hill News, Mr. Farran has been concentrating on his job as M.L.A. representing the riding of Calgary North Hill.

Mr. Farran and his wife, reside in Calgary with their four children—Peter, David, Sally and Terry.

The established high standard of service and dependability of North Hill News is assured under

the capable leadership of the new president, Mr. Leif Erickson.



LEIF ERICKSON

Mr. Erickson is 36 years old and is a native of Calgary. He received a Bachelor of Commerce at the U of A in 1959 and he started in practice as a chartered accountant in 1962.

In 1969, Mr. Erickson was elected to the board of governors of the University of Calgary. Mr. Erickson was also chairman of the Alberta Universities Commission from August 1971 until November 1971 when he resigned to return to his accounting practice.

As an involved Calgarian, Mr. Erickson is a member of the Kinsmen Club, a member of the University Alumni Association and president of the North Calgary Businessmen's Association.

Mr. Erickson and his wife, Joan, were married in 1961 and they have two children—Christian 7 years and Karen 5 years.

As the new owner and president, Mr. Erickson is well orientated with all phases of the printing industry. For the last five years prior to his purchase of the company, Mr. Erickson served as the auditor and financial advisor for North Hill News.

The Edmonton operation, at 11737 - 108 Ave. is in good

hands with Mr. Les Moorby, vice-president in charge of production and Mr. Al Hehn, vice-president in charge of sales.

Calgary is bustling with activity in preparation for the biggest sports event ever to be held there. It's a feather in the

cap for the committee that has worked so hard preparing for the event.

Over 100 news representatives from around the world have confirmed that they will be there.

The Calgary Corral has been given a \$220,000 face lifting that includes a new lighting system for color television coverage and the interior of the arena has been renovated.

Two smaller arenas will also be used for the 3 day practice schedule beginning on March 4th.

The enthusiasm generated here has been tremendous. Tickets have been sold out for four months!

A Canadian commemorative stamp has even been issued to mark the event. A large number of souvenir items are also available for the thousands of visitors that will be there. Officials predict that the event will bring a million dollars into the Alberta economy.

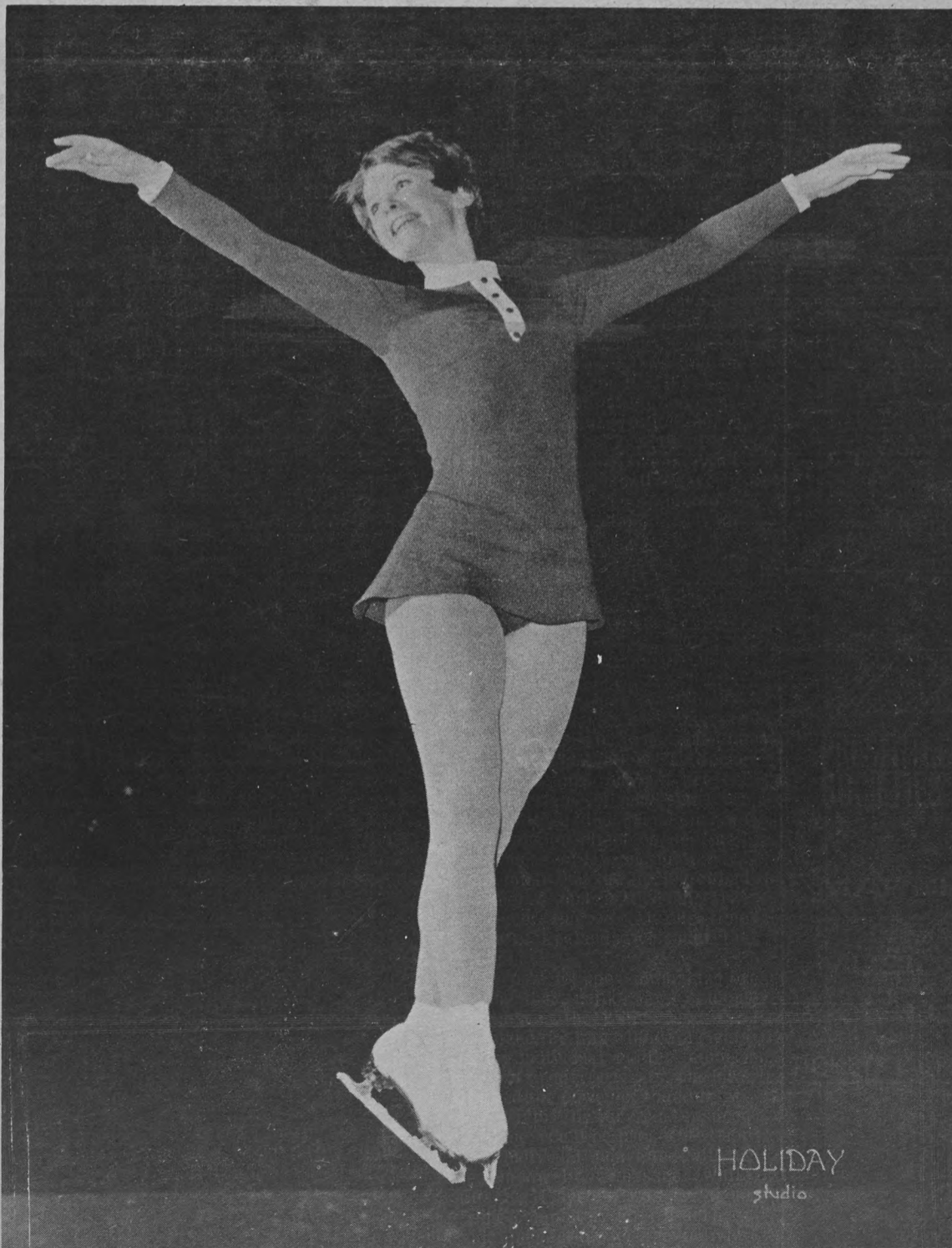
Many visiting countries are planning sightseeing excursions throughout the province coinciding with their trip to Calgary.

All of Canada will be watching with great interest as our own

Karen Magnussen is one of the top contenders. She put on a fantastic free skating performance in Japan that brought her from the back of the pack into a Silver Medal (second place).

Trixi Schuba, the Olympic Gold medalist, will also be there along with Janet Lynn, the winner of the Bronze Medal. So the competition will be fast and furious!

Both television networks will be carrying coverage of the competition. The Ladies Free Skating competition on Friday, March 10th will be carried on the CTV network.



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KAREN MAGNUSSEN

SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Claus Jacobsen

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS'S MEETING

The Annual Shareholders' meeting and election of directors for The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited was held February 15th in the Viking Room of the Centre. Many shareholders were in attendance.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

Five new directors were elected to the board. They were: Soren Sorensen elected for 3 years
Ole Knudsen for 3 years
Bill Petersen for 3 years
Allan Larsen for 2 years
Barney Thorlakson for 2 years
Claus Jacobsen re-elected for another 3 years.

DIRECTORS' POSITIONS

An organizational meeting of the Board of Directors was held February 21 at the Centre. Principal officers are:

PRESIDENT - Claus Jacobsen
VICE-PRESIDENT - Soren Sorensen
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CULTURAL DIRECTOR - Margaret Cameron
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SCANDAPADES - Allan Larsen

LAST REPORT

This has been my last report as Director of Publicity and the Director for The Scandinavian Centre News will look after **Splinters from the Board** and the Centre Report on Camrose Radio Station CFCW on Saturday morning and the S CFCW on Saturday morning on the Scandinavian Show. It has been a pleasure to bring you happenings from the Board of Directors in our Scandinavian Centre News.

Beginning in the month of April, Soren Sorensen will be writing this column.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to the Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW Camrose every Saturday morning at 10:30-790 kcs on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25. The report during the month of March will be given by Gary Johnson, former Director of the Board who resigned when he went to Europe last summer. Gary is now Assistant Editor of The Scandinavian Centre News. If you have any news for the broadcast give Gary a call at 477-3587 or 477-3588.

Another director will be reporting during the month of April.

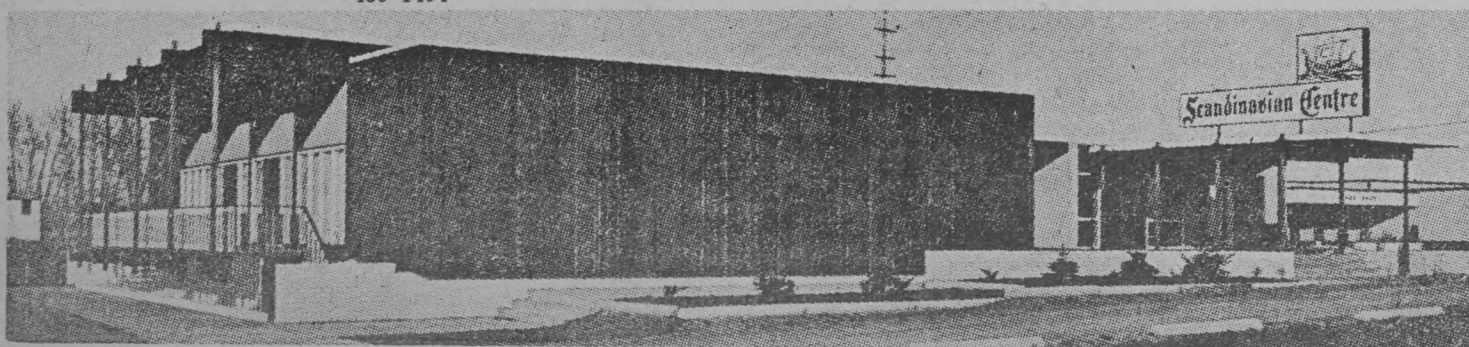


SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE DIRECTORS

left to right) Claus Jacobsen, Herb Vigfusson, Gunnar Thorvaldson, Henry Logan, Margaret Cameron, Ellsworth Halberg, Bengt Kristiansson, Paul Karvonen, Soren Sorensen and Bruno Spenrath.

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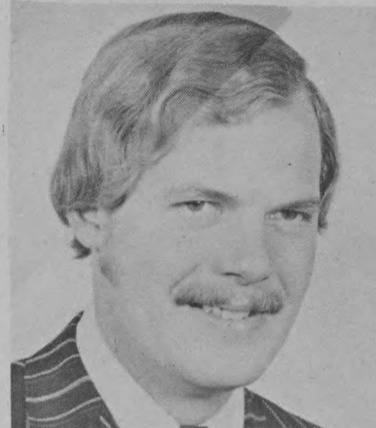
Gary Johnson, who recently returned from Europe, will be presenting the Scandinavian Centre Report for the month of March on CFCW in the place of Les Morris. The program is on every Saturday morning on The Scandinavian Show at approximately 11:25.

Gary has also taken on the job of Assistant Editor of The Scandinavian Centre News and also Features Editor of the new Edmonton TV Calendar, a weekly publication. He will work under Les Morris who has been appointed Managing Editor of TV Calendar, and also remains Managing Editor of the Scandinavian Centre News.

Les brings many years of experience to his new position and has proven himself as a capable editor.



LESLIE MORRIS



GARY JOHNSON



One morning when the waitress reported for work at a diner, the boss told her, "I'd like you to look your best today, I want your hair done up smartly, and your make-up has to be perfect and, by the way, wear your low-necked uniform." "Sure boss," she said, "Anything special happening." "No, the steak is tough today."

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



by Lois Halberg

Coming Event: Kontiki Dance, Viking Room, March 18th. Have you had thoughts of Hawaii lately? Try the next best thing, Kontiki Night at the Scandinavian Centre. Dress Polynesian and bring along your friends for an evening of Hawaiian Atmosphere. Tickets can be obtained from Mr. Ole Vold at 476-5922 or Mrs. Gladys Clark at 455-5371. February 12th Solglyt Lodge held their general meeting at which five new members were initiated. Delegates for the 1972 Fourth District Convention to be held June 8, 9 and 10 in Calgary are the following:

Mrs. Betty Travis
Mrs. Doreen Melsness
Mr. Wally Broen
Mr. Ellsworth Halberg
Mr. Anders Anderson
Mr. Gordon Berdahl
Mr. Stan Hafso
Mrs. Ruth Logan

The alternates are:
Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen
Mr. Ross Fowler
Mr. Peter Hansen
Mr. Leiv Aasgard
Mr. Richard Larson
The Valentine Dance was held February 12th in the Viking Room with a good attendance on hand. Spot prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burt and Mr. and Mrs. John Youngman. A lovely set of Hardanger coasters raffled during the evening by the Sewing Club was won by Mr. Les Morris, Editor of the Scandinavian News. Mr. and Mrs. Kalmar Amdam and Mr. Alvin Searl helped out during the evening. Mr. Dennis Cook and Mr. Ed Veis were in charge of the refreshments. Hostesses Mrs. Grace Cook and Mrs. Elva Veis served a delightful lunch. Holiday guests with Mrs. Mina McDonald and Jim were daughter Shirley and husband Vince Maduso, with sons Dan and Vincent from Los Angeles, Donald and Norma McDonald of Calgary. All took part in the News Years' Roast Goose Dinner "full course" prepared by Mina. Guests numbering 20 relatives with grandchildren. A wonderful reunion was held.

Angus McDonald, owner and manager of Lucky's Ski Shop is away to Japan for a 3 week tour of the country and a look at the Winter Olympics as a result of winning a contest sponsored by the Yamaha Ski Co. which was based on the highest selling value of Yamaha skis and equipment over the past three years over all of Canada.

Our sincere "best wishes" to Mrs. Mina McDonald who celebrated her 83rd birthday on January 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson were to Chauvan recently to join in a family gathering in honor of Selma's mother Mrs. Berit Johnson, who celebrated her 82nd birthday.

Mr. Del Melsness is spending the first week in March at Yelowknife, Ft. Smith and Inuvik.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Nilsen have returned from an enjoyable winter holiday in Hawaii.

Congratulations to Miss Christina Anderson on achieving her Grade 6 Royal Conservatory in piano. Christina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sven Tychsen enjoyed a weeks visit with Orlas' sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Reg Smith of Hazlet, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Schang Halberg, who spent Christmas in Calgary and New Years in Langley, B.C., is now in Edmonton visiting and "working" with Ellsworth and Lois Halberg.

Many of our Sons of Norway members worked very hard in helping to make "Scandapades '72" a tremendous success.

Karre Svidal, son of Mr. & Mrs. Knut Svidal, had the misfortune of breaking his leg in a skiing accident. We hope it mends soon, Karre.

Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lindberg and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Inge Anderson and family, along with a number of Senior and Junior Sons of Norway members, motored to Red Deer for a ski-out, February 20th. A great time was had by all. Another outing is being planned and it is hoped more will come along. Please call Mr. Dennis Lindberg at 435-6817 for more information.

The following members: Mrs. Joyce Myhre, Mrs. Marion Aasgard, Mrs. Molly Cooper, Mr. Jim McDonald, Mrs. Ruth Wibe, and Mrs. Anne Vold were all hospitalized recently. We are happy to report they are all home again and feeling fine.

Mr. Jim McDonald would like to say "thank you" to all who made personal visits and sent cards while being hospitalized. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Cultural Committee; Sons of Norway participated in the United Nations International Days, February 10, 11, and 12th at the Capilano Mall. Mrs. Astrid Hope in costume had a lovely Cultural Display.

—Mrs. Astrid Hope will be showing Norwegian Culture to the Grade 3 and 4 students of Alex Taylor School, March 5th, who are studying Norway. The students will put on a program March 8th.

—The Norwood Legion are hold-

ing an Open afternoon tea and cultural program March 5th, at which Mrs. Irene Hovde will be singing. The proceeds are to the Robin Hood School.

—The Cultural Committee are planning an Educational Program on Channel 5 with Phil Fraser.

—Queen Contest - Requirements include: age 16-25, single, Sons of Norway member. Candidates shall be judged on the basis of personality, poise, talent and beauty. If you are interested, or know someone in the Lodge who might be, contact Mrs. Astrid Hope at 469-4747 or Mrs. Doreen Melsness at 484-4944.

Scandinavian Cooking: Classes will be held on the first Monday of each month, starting on March 6th at 8 p.m. Scandinavian Centre. Contact Mrs. Martha Venoaasen at 489-4649 to participate in this unique Lodge activity. Sewing Club: Interested in knitting a Norwegian Sweater? Join the sewing club and learn how or knit along with the ladies. This is the project being undertaken. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Astrid Hope followed by Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Betty Anderson. At present this club is very small and would appreciate more attending. Please call Mrs. Astrid Hope at 469-4747.

Torske Klubben - February 1st: Mr. Paul Walters, District Director, Department of Public Works for Northern Alberta and N.W.T. was the guest speaker. Mr. Walters spoke of his experiences abroad the Manhattan Oil Tanker which travelled the same sea-route Henry Larson took through the North West Passage. Members enjoyed movie pictures and slides of Mr. Walter's voyage. An added treat to the luncheon were "Blanda Bal" donated by Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson. The recipe is as follows: (Ling Cod or Jack Fish are suggested)

Grind 4 cups fish
Grind 4 cups potatoes
Add 1/3 cup suet
1/3 cup chopped onion
3 tsp. salt
Method: Work with hands forming into balls. Cook in salted water about 20 minutes. May be served or warmed up in melted butter. Turnip and Carrots cut in large pieces may be served with "Blanda Bal".

A similar treat may be added to the next luncheon. The next meeting will be held March 6th at which time recognition will be made to the late Mr. Knut Sivertsen, an outstanding Norwegian, and to the help he has given to the Sons of Norway. Torske Klubben would like to continue recognition to others. If you have someone in mind, call Mr. Anders Anderson at 488-8998. Club membership is now 50, however there is provision for 75. Interested in joining? Contact Mr. Sig Sorenson at 466-1839.

Bowling: Sons of Norway, Valhalla #341 in Calgary have planned a fun-filled afternoon and evening on Calgary Night, Saturday, March 25, 1972. Needed to go down to Calgary are 16 curlers (game time 12:30) and 20 bowlers (game time 4:30). To be followed by a banquet and dance.



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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

The regular February meeting was held on the 5th in the Dania Room, chaired by Peter Johnson.

Members reported as sick included the following: Martha Dahl, Linnea Lodge, Joyce Kay, Mildred Weiss, Linnea Christensen, Gloria Lindbeck, Rude Sund, Bill McMaster, John Bergstrom, John Jarret.

Greetings came from Kenny Peterson from Vernon, B.C. Lunch was provided by Aili Gidlof, Paula Lindberg and Joyce Hawkes.

DATES TO REMEMBER
March 4: regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Remember the Wine and Cheese party after the meeting, sponsored by Martha and Bill Kay.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at the home of Henry and Linnea Lodger at 8 p.m. March 18. The address is 12236 St. Albert Trail. March 11: Curling at Calmar. Come out and cheer our curlers. March 19: Children's Club meeting.

March 25: Icelandic, Finnish and Swedish hop in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

April 25: District Bowling at Lethbridge.

April 8: Regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. New members will be received at this meeting. Alma Samuelson and her Merry Widows will entertain.

VASA GLIMPSES
Hope Rudy Sund is feeling better after his operation.

Ray and Doreen Nyroos had Kjell christened on January 23. Joan and Len Peterson are Kjell's Godparents.

Gertrude Holmgren extends a grateful thank you to all who took part in the Swedish part of Scandapades. Thank you everyone for coming so faithfully to rehearsals. A special thank you to Lil Boyer and also to the Peterssons and Nyroos' for training the dancers. The co-operation of all was much appreciated.

Mrs. Svea Erickson celebrated her 82nd birthday on February 1. A number of friends, neighbors and Vasa sisters called on her. Harold, Lulu and Lisa also came for the weekend.

The marriage of Sister Margaret Eliasson and Brother Bert Lungen took place on February 4. An engagement dinner, attended by a few friends and relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis, daughter and son-in-law of the groom (from Vancouver) was held at the Centre on January 30. On February 6, a surprise party was held for Margaret and Bert at Allan and Helen Melin, Mae Ruston, Winnie Pearson, Gertrude Holmgren and Sandra Harrington. The party was very well attended and a real surprise. A money gift was presented to the happy couple by Peter Johnson. Margaret and Bert left, a few days later, for B.C., where they will make their home. We all wish them happiness.

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar. — Abraham Lincoln.

A diet is the penalty you pay for exceeding the feed limit.

A fourth grader returned home from school one day and asked, "Mom, what is sex?" The mother launched into a stammering, rather clinical dissertation on the facts of life. The boy looked more and more puzzled as she talked. Finally, he pulled out the identification card from his new wallet and said, "But, Mom, I'll never get all that stuff in this little space under Sex!"

A woman who had just completed a Red Cross course in artificial respiration was crossing the street one day. She found a man lying face-down in a flooded gutter. Quickly she rushed to his aid. She turned him over on his back and began to apply the so-called "kiss of life," breathing into his mouth. The man suddenly sat up and pushed the woman away from him. "I don't know what you're doing," he shouted, "but I'm supposed to be clearing this drain!"

The teen-ager was shopping with her father and mother for her first formal gown. When she wanted to try on a strapless, her mother said she was too young to wear such a dress. Her father said, "Let her try it on...and if it stays on, then she's old enough to wear it."

Sons of Norway - 1972

A Social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. on January 15th, 1972 was the beginning of the evening for the Installation of 1972 officers.

Bro. Sig Sorenson started the celebration smorgabord at 7 p.m. by saying Grace in the Viking Room and at 8 p.m. the 1971 officers were called to order by Bro. S. Hafso, President, to relinquish their positions.

The Camrose drill team lead the procession of the new 1972 officers for Solglyt and Sunray lodges to the music of Bro. W. Clark. Two rows of officers followed being ushered in by the Marshall, Sis. Betty McKeVitt and Ass't. Marshall, Sis. Maisie Amdam.

Bro. Knut Svidal, Supreme Director of Sons of Norway, conducted the installation of the large group into the Lodges. He called upon each individual member to instruct them of their duties and then asked the Marshall and Ass't. Marshall to escort the person to his or her chair of office through an archway of Norwegian flags held gracefully by the Camrose drill team.

During the course of installation Bro. Svidal asked the past presidents to stand and they were applauded for their faithful service to the Sons of Norway.

He turned the gavel over to Sister Gladys Clark, the new 1972 President and also the first lady to become president for the Solglyt Lodge #143. She accepted

white outfits with the Sons of Norway banner.

The hall was cleared and music and dancing finalized this special occasion.

Bro. and Sis. Haugen were very pleasant receiving members and guests at the door; Harv also did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

The young people who joined the senior lodge were in very good attendance.

Complimentary passes for the Valentine's Dance were won by:

Wally Broen

Janette Burte

John Marko

Brenda Edmonds

Spot dances were judged by Bros.

K. Amdam and W. Clark.

"Thank you" to Mr. and Mrs. Kalmar Adam for the former Junior Lodge pictures.

Mrs. Betty Travis is compiling a Junior Lodge History Book and requests pictures and information used by former Junior Lodge members.

Please note, Sunray Junior Lodge is held on the 2nd SUNDAY of the month at 2 p.m. Scandinavian Centre.

Next meeting March 12th.

Norwegian Folk Dancing: During the week of February 7th, Solglyt Lodge had the opportunity of learning Norwegian Folk

Dancing. Mr. Sigvold Arneberg and Mr. Thorman Hilde, who are indeed qualified, were the instructors. Those who attended



BETTY McKEVITT, GLADYS CLARK AND MAISIE AMDAM



GLADYS CLARK, new President of The Sons of Norway

her duties with pleasure and gave thanks to everyone who had helped her during the past few years when she was Social Director. The drill team presented an enjoyable display of their talents; carrying the Ronning Lodge banner and wearing bright red and

felt the dancing was marvellous and it is hoped to have Mr. Arneberg and Mr. Hilde back again.

The correspondent for March will be Mrs. Tove Marko. If you have any news to report please phone her at 474-3393.

Many rise to an occasion, but few know when to sit down.

One woman complains that her husband is careless about his appearance. He hasn't shown up in five years.

A good teacher is one who can understand those not very good at explaining, and explain it to those who are not very good at understanding.

The reporter came idly into office. "Well," said the editor, "what did the eminent statesman have to say?" "nothing," "Well, keep it down to a column."



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By Lillian MacPherson

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 25, 8:30 P.M. March Madness. Come and dance to the Checkmates, along with the Finns and Swedes. Price is \$2.50 per person. Get your tickets from Shirley Thorvaldson, phone 466-1570 or Les Greenham, phone 455-0082.

WELCOME TO EDMONTON

Newcomers to Edmonton are June and Sandy Slator, and their young son Jordon, who came from Winnipeg in December. Sandy is Clara Jonsson's nephew. They are living in Sherwood Park. Also new in Edmonton are Ragnar and Betty Gislason, who came here from Calgary in the fall. Ragnar is with the Canadian forces, and was originally a Winnipegger.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Marino Kristjanson has been appointed to the Manitoba Commission on Higher Education. This will necessitate his travelling to Winnipeg every three weeks for the next eight months.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Ester Watson, Clara Jonsson's mother, has been here visiting from Manitoba. She plans on moving into the Senior Citizens Home in Erisdale on her return.

The Mitchells are travelling.. to Vancouver and Hawaii.

Joe and Lily Johansson are holidaying in warmer climes.

Gunnar and Shirley Thorvald were pleased to have her parents visit with them on their way home from a holiday in Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar went on to Lyleton, Man. from here.

Clara Jonsson is vice president and membership chairman of the Epsilon Toastmistress Club which meets the first and third Monday of the month at St. Paul's United Church. If you're interested in joining, you're interested in joining, phone Clara at 455-8839.

Edna and Howard Garnett of Sooke, B.C. celebrated their Silver Anniversary on January 30. Thirty-two guests two of whom were at their wedding 25 years ago, attended. They were presented with a money tree for their trip to Iceland and London in 1973.

As a B.C. Centennial gift from Dr. Richard Beck and Mrs. Beck of Victoria, the University of Victoria will receive a 2500 volume library. The personal collection consists of volumes covering prose and poetry, and cultural consists of volumes covering Old Icelandic literature, 19th century prose and poetry, and cultural and general histories of Iceland. Dr. Beck was a professor of Scandinavian languages and literature at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota for 38 years until his retirement in the spring of 1967. Dr. Richard Beck was born in Rey-

drafjordur, in Eastern Iceland and is the son of Hans Kjartan and Thorunn Vigfusina. Mrs. Margaret Beck was born in Victoria and her parents were Einar and Sigridur Brandson, formerly of Myradlur, in Southern Iceland.

(From the Icelandic Canadian Club of B.C. Newsletter Jan. 1972)

Congratulations to Doreen Joachim, who recently had a part in an opera televised on the CBC.

Jon Johnson, Lillian MacPherson's afi, died Jan. 10 in Gimli, Man. He was 81 years old, and until 18 months ago, was a life long resident of Haga near his farm in Lundar, Man.

Lil and Henry have left Edmonton, but will always be remembered with deep affection. Over the years their home was a warm and welcoming place for their many city friends and for travelers from near and far. Whether it was a club meeting, choir practice, shower, or "come over and meet" coffee party, every one had a good time.

Typical Icelandic hospitality was served with the coffee. As often as not, vinarterta, skyr or ponnukokur were included in the "small" lunch covering the dining room table. So often the guest went home with a gift, and whether it was a bag of crab apples, a jar of jelly or a bottle of fresh carrot juice, it was always most happily received. This giving or sharing is typically Icelandic, and Lil and Henry are so wonderfully Icelandic.

Lil was the leading light in so many endeavors of the Icelandic Society. In fact it was she who suggested on Sun., May 29, 1955, to a group of friends in their home, that an Icelandic Society be formed in Edmonton. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henrikson, Mr. and Mrs. Ingham, Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, and Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Robertson.

On June 1, Margaret Robertson and Pauline Mitchell assisted Lillian in drawing up a list of Icelandic names from the telephone book. All these people were contacted by phone and on June 10, all were sent letters informing them that a programme (which Lillian organized) would be held at the I. O.G.T. on June 17, 1955. This was a highly successful evening, attended by 125 people. Viola (Inkster) Wallbank sang "Vogguljod" for us, and thanks to Lillian, this was the first time in Edmonton that an Icelandic song was sung by one who hadn't spoken a word of Icelandic before.

In the late 1950's, at Lil's urging, the Fjallkona ceremony was instituted. At first it was held at the annual picnic, and while impressive, the wind and the weather made it difficult to give it the needed dignity.

So it was moved to the Scandinavian Centre, much to the enjoyment of everyone. The Staging, dialogue and music were arranged by Lil with the members of the Society taking part. The original ceremony is still followed today.

The Icelandic Society's offerings in many of the earlier Scandapades were made possible because of Lil's talent in music and directing. The first choir to take part in Scandapades was under her direction. Two skits, including the Light House Keeper's Daughter, made the stage of the Auditorium and were the results of many hours of hard work by Lil.

In 1965 Lil was invited by the Faculty Wives Gourmet Club to arrange a demonstration of Icelandic cooking at the University. Several members took part. The cooking was excellent, but Lil's running commentary was the hit of the evening. And so was her Fish Bake and huge bowl of skyr. A second invitation was received in 1967. This time the demonstration was followed by Lil's slides of Iceland, complete with a most interesting commentary. The large crowd in attendance was most appreciative. In 1969 the U. of A. Engineer's Wives asked for an evening of Icelandic cooking. This was held at N.A.I.T. and the ladies again came through with excellent cooking, and Lil with her entertaining talk on Iceland, made it most successful evening.

As an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Lil was always called on to do those extras.. paint a sign for the annual sale, write a poem, or compose a song. This she always did so willingly...and the song was just 18 verses long!! When the meetings got a bit dull, Lil's stories would soon liven things up.

Lil and Henry often contributed news of Edmonton to the Logberg - Heimskringla, keeping the Manitoba Icelandic community aware of the small group out west. They also served as correspondents to the Scandinavian Centre News.

The crest of the Norduljos chapter was designed by Lil in 1965. She also always printed the life members certificates. Who will print the one which was presented to Lillian in abstentia at the Thorablott this year? Henry is already a life member of the Norduljos chapter of the Icelandic National League, and we are happy to now have Lil in that capacity.

The Icelandic community was very fortunate to have Lil and Henry with them so long, and to benefit from their continued help and concern. We wish them good health and happiness in their new home in White Rock, B.C. May we see them often in the future.

Freda Smith
Pauline Mitchell
Lillian MacPherson

BOOK REVIEW

By Lillian MacPherson
GIANTS IN THE EARTH, by O. E. Rolvaag. Translated from the Norwegian by Lincoln Colcord and the author. New York, Harper & Bros., 1927. Paper ed. 1965.

This is an old book, but in case there are others in the Scandinavian community, besides me, who haven't read it or even heard of it, I'd like to share my impressions with you.

Rolvaag was himself a Norwegian immigrant to the North American midwest in 1896, and he published this novel originally in Norwegian in 1923. It is the tale of men constantly pushed beyond their physical endurance, and women pushed beyond their emotional endurance. The fear of the new and unknown; the loneliness of life in a sod hut on the prairies, with not even a tree or bird to break the skyline-- "It is hard for the eye to wander from skyline to skyline, year in and year out, without finding a resting place!"

The terribly difficult times, with unbelievably harsh weather, hard toil, years of grasshopper plagues -- all these made up the lives of the first settlers on the prairies. There was excitement in the air too--dreams of the good things to come from the great adventure of settlement; the wagon trains appearing over the horizon as a new group of adventurers came to claim their land.

Unfortunately, the settlement of the west was heavily laced with tragedy, and people like Per Hansa and his wife Beret, and their friends Hans Olsa, the Solum brothers, and Tonsten, struggled and suffered so their children might have a better life.

Although this is the story of Norwegian settlers, it is the story of all the immigrants who came to the mid-west of North America. The feeling of the prairies --the expansiveness, the beauty, the harshness, the glories of the sun, the ever-present sky--are so authentically described, it is obvious that Rolvaag loved them. For anyone whose forefathers homesteaded here, this book brings the realization of what it was really like, and a deep appreciation that there were so many who were willing to dream the dream and live the hope that we might be here today enjoying this grand country.

It really is a great book.



VISUAL ACTIVITY

The other day I read in a local newspaper about a sarcastic lawyer who was making it pretty tough for a witness. The lawyer said, "Did you see the accident?"

The witness replied, "Yes, sir."

"How far away were you?"

"Oh, about thirty feet."

"Well how far can you see anyway?"

And the witness replied: "I do not know, but in the morning when I wake up I can see the sun, and they tell me it is about ninety million miles away."

BIGHORN DAM TO CLOSES

Final stages of construction of the Bighorn Dam will require the closure this fall of the tunnel which has diverted the river past the dam site, the Honourable W.J. Yurko, Minister of The Environment, announces.

As a result, no water will pass the dam, allowing the reservoir to fill during an 80-day period from August 1st to the end of October.

Closing the diversion tunnel is necessary to convert it to a power conduit to serve the two turbines which will be located in the Calgary Power generating facilities at the dam. Following the 80-day period, water will again pass the dam through the powerhouse, which will begin operating in October.

The effects of closing the dam have undergone careful scrutiny by a committee of experts representing government departments and Calgary Power.

Closing the diversion tunnel and filling the reservoir will result in a five-mile stretch immediately below the dam receiving no water during the 80-day period. During this time, water is expected to stand in pools in the riverbed, and if they are deep enough, fish will concentrate in the pools. Other fish are expected to move downstream where there is a continuous flow.

Five miles downstream of the dam, the Bighorn River joins the North Saskatchewan. Further downstream other creeks and rivers enter, so by the time the river reaches Rocky Mountain House, flow will be, at the very minimum, one-third of normal. There are no settlements between the dam and Rocky Mountain House dependent on the river for water. No adverse effects on the water supply of Rocky Mountain House are foreseen. The flow in the river, due to the entrance of the Clearwater and other rivers, will also be sufficient to accept the effluent from the town's sewage treatment facilities, although it may be expected it will be more visible, especially if the main stream of the river is away from the sewage outfall.

With the river flow at Edmonton supplemented by water from the Brazeau Reservoir, no effect on water supply and sewage dilution is expected there. But as a precautionary measure, industries along the river will be required to go on their winter waste water treatment schedule August 1st instead of the normal November 1st.

After Bighorn Reservoir is filled, the part of the river most affected will be the section from the dam to a point 20 miles downstream.

This broad valley has ill-defined channels, low banks and limited vegetation. The storage of the high June-July river flow at the dam may in time result in gradual forest encroachment on the flood plain.

Downstream from that point, the river flows in an entrenched valley as far as Tobin Lake, the reservoir behind Saskatchewan Power's Squaw Rapids Dam near Nipawin, Saskatchewan. Since there are no braided channels on the North Saskatchewan River in this stretch as there are in the Peace River delta, any changes in flow resulting from the filling of the reservoir in summer cannot dry out large expanses of land or river channel.



Icelanders enjoy their "Naticual sport" swimming year-round.

NORTHERN

LIGHTS

Return to my Homeland

BY OPAL OILUND

Northern Lights Lodge No. 493 of Grande Prairie held their installation, dinner and dance at the Golf and contry Club on Jan. 22. Knut Svidal was guest speaker and installed the following officers for 1972.

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Sports Director	Elvin Nordbagen
Musician	Judy Strand
Publicity	Opal Oilund
Trustees	John Peterson, B. Liland Gunnar Sweinungaard

GLIMPSES

The following people from our lodge are enjoying a holiday in Hawaii: Carl & Sonya Oilund and Thelma Lokseth.



STAVANGER -- on the edge of the North Sea

We sometimes use the expression "Travelling over life's pathway" or "Sailing over life's ocean", but nowadays we are flying. One thing is certain -- time is surely flying away and we just have to follow along. I just thought some might be interested in hearing from me, as I have made two previous trips by charter flights organized by Scandinavian Centre, Edmonton. (One in 1969 and the other in 1970.) I would like to tell you a little about my trip in 1969. Having left my home in Norway as an 18 year old boy back in 1918, I remember how I told my mother, "It won't be long before I will be back home again - maybe three or four years." However, after only two years time, I received the sad news that my mother had passed away and after that I lost all interest in going back. I had come west to Montana and just loved the wide open spaces, riding on a good horse over the hills was a fulfillment of my dreams. But after about ten years something happened. I fell in love with a girl as all good cowboys do. But this one was true blue - she did not marry another. She loved me too and we got married. (Now she is gone and I am lonely and alone.) We were happy, but we were looking for a place and a home

that we could call our very own. So that is how we landed away up here in the Peace River country. It was 1928. Years went by quickly. We were so busy clearing land, building a home and raising a big family. Looking back it is like a dream.

I was corresponding with my sister and two brothers in Norway and some of my nephews. My nephew in Stavanger was always after me to take a trip home. So I decided to go. Through an acquaintance in Edmonton, I was put in touch with the Scandinavian Centre and I was just in time to get a reservation on the Charter flight, leaving on June 5th.

The excitement was great! The plane was to leave at 5 p.m. from the International Airport. All went just fine getting aboard and soon we were airborne. Having never been on a plane before, I was just a little bit scared. My seat was on the left side next to the window, and I was wondering if I would ever dare look out, being so high in the air! Next to me were Mr. and Mrs. Erikson, and it was not very long before Mrs. Erikson leaned over and looked out. Soon I took courage and did the same. And my, what a beautiful sight! We were just floating along above the clouds which had all kinds of pretty colors and seemed to be made out of feathers.

The sun was up north and I was wondering if it was ever going down, and when it would get dark? But it seemed to stay in the same position. We had supper and midnight lunch and after a while I could see that the sun was actually rising. At 9 a.m. we landed at Fornebo and I set my feet on Norwegian soil after 51 years! Oh my! What a feeling went through me! I felt like laughing and crying at the same time. But I had a problem. How would I recognize my two nephews who

were going to meet me? I was thinking real hard about this as I tried to locate my baggage. (Some advice I will give is that if you are ever on the flight be sure to mark your luggage well so you can recognize it even at a distance. There are so many that may look just like yours.) But, finally I had everything together and began to look around. There was a man walking past very slowly, evidently looking for someone. And to me, there was something familiar about him. He did not seem to take any notice of me but I had to make a move. I guess I was over anxious, so I walked over to him and asked in English, "What's your name, Sir?" He must have been shocked as he answered very quickly. He was my nephew, Sven Ollestad, army officer, but in civilian clothes. When Norway was invaded by the Germans, Sven and some other boys left Stavanger in a fishing boat and joined the British Army, crossing the North Sea. That was taking a big risk. It was nice to see him. I had seen a picture of him as he looked when he returned from England. This was how I recognized him. Soon we were out in the car where my other nephew, Johan Heskestad was waiting. So we drove out to his place in Bekkestra. I received a grand welcome, I am telling you! After dinner I was taken all over the city. Trees were blossoming and flowers were everywhere. Because it was Sunday, the Frogner Park was just full of people. It seemed to me there were thousands of them lying around in bathing suits enjoying a sun bath. But, Oslo, as nice as it was, was left behind, as next morning at 9:15 I got on the train taking me home to Heskestad. The trains are all electrified and nice and clean. As I don't smoke, I got a "no smoking" coupe. I don't know if it is done purposely there, but the seat numbers correspond with the ticket numbers. Because there is just room for two, they always man-

age to pair them up --- a man and a woman. And on all four trips from home to Oslo and back, it has happened to me. It is kind of embarrassing to begin with, but after a while it is nice. A Mrs. A. Nilsen was my partner and we got to know each other well. She was on her way to meet her husband in Stavanger. We got straightened out in Kristiansand and headed in the right direction. Soon we were at Sira, then Moi Station. "Heskestad next stop," the conductor called. I was all excited and got up to see if there would be someone there looking for me. As the train came to a stop, I saw someone there that I never could forget. It was my old school master! Making one long jump from the coach steps and to the platform I landed in my old school teacher's arms. It was a happy meeting. Ninety years old, he was still in good form. Others had been waiting for me, but the conductor waved me on, as I had to go to the next station. In doing so, I would be passing my old childhood home. The old familiar places came in sight. Soon I saw some people standing, waving at me just in the very same spot my mother stood waving goodbye to her boy so many years ago. Old memories were flooding my soul and tears were running down my cheeks. I had to explain to Mrs. Nilsen and she understood just how I felt. On Ualand St. a whole group was waiting for me to take me to my brother's place. After a little rest and a lot of talk, we drove home. My nephew and his wife welcomed me. "Do you recognize the place?" they asked. Many things had changed. Some big old trees were missing and new ones had grown. But after a little while it all came back to me. It was a wonderful trip and the experience could not be purchased for any sum of money. Do you wonder why I am going back again? Tobias Johnson Box 336 Valleyview, Alberta

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NORDSTJERNAN NEWS

By Phyllis Tapio

Congradulations to Doris and Clyde Krause of Calgary on the birth of a baby girl, Wendy Le Ann, who was born on Jan. John and Annie Holmlund are the proud grandparents.

On Jan. 24, John and Ronald Holmlund had the misfortune of loosing their pig barn. Fire destroyed the old landmark that had stood for nearly sixty years. Fortunately all the pigs were helped to safety and thanks to the Ma-Me-O Beach and Wetas-kiwin Fire Departments and many neighbors all the other build-ings were saved.

Mrs. Arnold Pubantz of Win-nipeg, (nee Lully Holmlund) was in the district to attend the Holm-lund-Paradis wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Holmlund-are now living in the Falun dis-trict. They have moved into the house on the Harry Holmlund farm.

John, Annie and Faye Holm-lund travelled to Medicine Hat to attend the lodge meeting where Lindholmen lodge officers were installed by the Buford Drill team. While there they visited with their daughter, Jean, and family.

Mrs. Elvira Anderson is now staying with her son, Terry, in Peace River. She is feeling much better after her recent stay in hospital.

It appears that we may have some up - and - coming skating stars in our lodge. Four of Henry Sjogrens children Leona, Wendy, Barry and Keith, took part in the Ice Carnival which was held in conjunction with the Wetaskiwin Winter Carnival.

I also saw a few lodge members who braved the sub-zero weather to watch the exciting North-Am Races held in Wetaskiwin on the first weekend of February.

On 11 and 12, Nordstjarnan Lodge held their annual curling bons-piel. Winners were:

1st in 1st event - Gus Tabler (skip) with Ken Flinkman, Carl Brown and Sherry Havanka.

2nd in 1st event - John Havanka (skip) Gus Stephan, Eleoner Tab-ler, and Wanda Fraser.

3rd in 1st event - Stan Tor- vinen (skip)

1st in 2nd event - Buster Sjo- rund (skip) Bill Flinkman, George Brown and Rose Krause.

2nd in 2nd event - John Remin (skip), Reino Havanka, Charlie Tapio and Martin Sjogren.

3rd in 3rd event - Ron Fraser (skip)

4th in 2nd event - Harry Holm- lund (skip).

Jack Tapio flew to Rainbow Lake were he is working as der- rick man on an oil rig.

ALONE

When you are in a crowded room, a crowded street, or a crowded city, can't you hear the muffled mental cries all around you saying: "Help me!" "Talk to me!" "Why, with so many people around me, must I be alone?"

Things used to be good. What happened to the deep concern and thoughtfulness that we felt for others.

We were to live as one. Now we cross each other's path--we bump into each other--and what do we say?

We say: I'm sorry!" or "Excuse me!" But why? Why am I sorry?

Should I be sorry for crossing your track? Should I be sorry that for an instant I busted into your world?

Society, ethics, pride, sus- picion have overcome us.

So we continue on, amid the cries around us and amid our own cries!

Travelling In NorSweDen

By Leslie L. Morris

Beth and I woke up late the next morning in the modern two- bedded room of the Sentrum Hotel On Olav Triggvasons Gate in downtown Trondheim. We wanted to get a good night's sleep and it was midmorning on a

beautiful, sunshiny day. Our holiday so far in Norway had been great as far as the weather was concerned. I considered it lucky.

As I didn't want to waste any time I hurried us up and into the dining room for breakfast. I didn't want to miss anything. Beth was looking a little groggy and I felt kind of sorry for her because I had been dragging her around everywhere, and anytime we moved she had to carry four bags and so did I.

During breakfast, we looked over the brochures we had gotten at the information bureau the day before. We decided to see the old Nidaros Cathedral then at 2:00 in the afternoon we were going to take a 2-1/2 hour tour by special bus to Ringve Manor, with a conducted tour of the Museum of Music History-- price 16.00 Nkr. (2.00) each.

After a typical Norwegian breakfast, we mended our way towards the towering cathedral which we could see to the south.

As we were going down one of the narrow streets toward the town market square, we came across a large excavation in the middle of the street with the rim of the dugout surrounded by many onlookers. We stopped to see what it was all about.

A group of diggers had found an ancient dwelling and were uncovering it spoonful by spoonful. We stopped to see what We could see several skeletons already unearthed and lying with their bare ribs and grotesque

faces protruding.

I always carried my movie camera and it was a beautiful sunshiny day, so I peered down and took some pictures. It was all quite exciting.

After we had tired of watching the diggers so painstakingly scooping the soil away, we continued down the street toward the town square.

Trandheim was founded in 997 A.D. by the Viking king Olav Tryggvason--in the Middle Ages Norway's capital and church centre of the province of TRON Trondelag.

Typical features of the town are its unusually broad streets and its picturesque old wooden houses, built in the typical Tronder style, which blends attractively with modern business and shopping blocks. Trondheim is one of Norway's leading tourist centres, with over 1400 hotel beds in a wide range of hotels and guesthouses range of hotels and a very high standard. Trondheim's restaurants, too, are renowned for their friendly, attractive atmosphere.

Four railway lines radiate from Trondheim, the coastal express steamer service calls daily, and there are several flights every day to towns in North, South and West Norway.

Trondheim offers the visitor a number of unusual historical and cultural attractions, as well as superb natural surroundings, a blend of mountain, forest, and fjord. Numerous tours and excursions on land and sea will enable holiday makers to see as much as possible of this interesting and beautiful part of Viking Land.

As Beth and I reached the town square we were impressed surrounded us. There was also

at the square, right opposite to the town market which is the usual open market place with stands and everyone vying for business.

Beth bought some fruit and I bought a letter opener souvenir carved of bone. We found it very difficult to speak to anyone at the market as they could understand no English. We carried out our transactions by pointing and grimacing.

We were intent on seeing the cathedral and we learned that it was just up the street and we could see it quite clearly. When we reached the front it was an impressive looking structufe, with a roadway leading to the south main entrance, with the grounds surrounding it being the cemetery as is usual.

We paid our entrance fee of 2.00 Nkr. (20¢) each and approached the guides, who were young men from the university doing a bit of extra- curricular studies by boning up on the history and background of the cathedral and guiding tourists through it.

When it was learned we spoke English we got a very nice young man who spoke German and English besides his native Norwegian. We were fortunate, because there were few going through at this particular time so we got him to take us personally around.

It was a very interesting tour through this marvelous cathedral of the north, and my wife and I were fascinated. It was also a very tiring tour, walking around the stone building.

We certainly shall not forget it.



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DANIA DOINGS



By Vera Nielsen

"Get well wishes" go out to Mrs. Emma Christiansen and Mrs. Katrine Nogensen, we hope to see them home and well again very soon. Our thoughts are with Mr. & Mrs. Ejler Sorenson and we wish a speedy recovery for their little girl.

Remember the next Whist evening will be Tuesday, March 7 and then April 11 will be the last one for this season. We are pleased to see so many come out to these evenings and we still hope to see more next season. Remember, April 22 is the wind-up night. There will be no card playing, but we will have a bite to eat and then enjoy ourselves after.

"BIKUBEN" meets on March 20th at 12424 - 141 Street at 7:30 p.m. Come all you ladies. We are starting a new project!

Come to our Dance on March 25th and bring your friends. Come out for a lot of fun.

News from the Danish Church by Pastor O. Filtenborg

The Ansgar Men's Club and The Danish Young Women's Club are already busy preparing the yearly supper and bingo evening at the Scandinavian Centre, Friday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. The menu will again be "flaskesteg, medister-polse, rodkaal" etc. and applecake and coffee. Tickets can be bought for \$3.00 from members of the two clubs or

contact Paster Filtenborg ph. 469-6123, not later than March 18th.

Ansgar Young People's Group is growing. Many young people not only of Danish background like to come to the meetings and other activities in the Young People's Group at the Danish Church. They welcome teenagers from the age of 13. Meetings are held in the church basement, 9554 - 108A Ave., every first and third Tuesday in the month from 7 until 10 p.m. In March the meetings will be Tuesday the 7th and Tuesday the 21st. They are also planning a Hayride and Wake-a-thon in the days right after Easter. The meetings are supervised by the pastor. At the meetings in March there will be discussions about: "Can money buy everything?" and "Are people brainwashed by T.V.?"

Baptismals: Jason Kristian Lauritsen, son of Erik and Donna Lauritsen; Susan Hansen, daughter of Ejvind and Inger Hansen; Niels William Egon Peder Hansen, son of Neil and Terrie Hansen; Paul Richard Rasmussen, son of Poul and Margaret Rasmussen.

Weddings: Svend Jorgen Jensen and Birthe Kirk Pedersen, both of Edmonton. Peter Richard Tremaine and Karin K.R. Pedersen, both of Edmonton.

Funeral: Jan. 20th Heinrich (Carlsen) Soltau was buried at Beechmount Cemetery. Mr. Soltau was born in Skarbak in Denmark, Dec. 22, 1906. He was single and his last address was 15-9662-102A Avenue., Edmonton. Honored be his memory!

News From The Danish Church

By Pastor O. Filtenborg

Dear Friends of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church.

We recently celebrated the 42nd Anniversary of our Church and I am sure all of us attending had a good time. We are thankful for the inheritance of the culture and faith of our forefathers. We are now living in a time and trouble and insecurity.

It is important that we can stand and work together. It is always so easy to see the faults and mistakes of others, also in the Danish Church; but what are you and I doing about it?

As members of the Ladies Aid we felt we would try something different this year in the form of our Bazaar. We are selling raffle tickets for a trip for two, to Denmark and we will do our best to make the Bazaar a success. We can't do it alone! We need your help with donations to the Bazaar, selling tickets, and a lot more. It is not only the money-making part, but also the fellowship and communication that is necessary in our Church. Therefore, let us forget all our small grievances and work together for the same purpose. We can be sure that the same God who inspired people to build the Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church forty-two years ago will also give us his blessing now.

The Bazaar will be held in Eastwood Community Hall, Saturday, May 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you are ready

DENMARK

Some famous Danes you ought to know
By Vera Nielsen

Finsen, Niels R. (1860-1904) Physician, awarded the Nobel Prize. Born on the Faroe Islands where his father was a high official of the judicature. He studied medicine at the University of Copenhagen. Niels was delicate of health and by noticing the sensation of comfort he himself always felt in the sunlight, he was led into an investigation of the influence of light which nobody had paid heed to before him. His word of research was a stroke of genius in its simplicity, but in the course of his work he became involved in a collateral investigation of the bactericidal properties of light, and this again led him on to his principal work: the treatment of the affections of the skin by means of light, especially of lupus.

At the commencement, there was a great deal of scepticism as to the significance of Finsen's discovery which has since triumphed all over the world.

In 1903 he was awarded the Nobel Prize, and the year after he died at the age of 43 and was buried in Copenhagen.

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A receipe can be many things. It can be a new dish, an untried flavor; it can be a delectable combination of familiar ingredients that add up to luscious eating.

A recipe can mean a new friend, a giving of some part of you and your day to brighten mine, a bit of your kitchen experience to be experimented now in mine.

Sour Cream Banana Cake
1/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup dairy sour cream
1 cup mashed ripe bananas
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Cream butter; gradually add sugar, and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Add bananas and nuts, mixing just until blended. Turn in a buttered 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Bake at 375 F. about 40 minutes. The flavor of this cake is wonderful. Once you make it, you will do it again and again. This cake carries well and is delicious in the lunch box.

Quick Caramel Frosting
(amount will frost the above cake)
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup evaporated milk
2 1/4 cups confectioners sugar (sifted)
1 teaspoon vanilla
Heat together the butter and brown sugar over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar melts. Blend in the evaporated milk; cool. Gradually beat in the sugar until of spreading consistency; add vanilla.

Sweet Rolls With a Twist
(recipe can be doubled)
1 yeast cake
4 tablespoons lukewarm water
1 cup milk, scalded
4 tablespoons shortening
4 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
3 1/2 cups flour (approximately)
Soften yeast in lukewarm water. Combine shortening, sugar, and salt with scalded milk. Cool to lukewarm. Add softened yeast. Add eggs. Gradually stir in flour to form soft dough. Beat. Cover with damp cloth. Let rise (82 F.) until double. This takes about 2 hours. Turn out on floured board. Knead slightly again and form. From this dough you can make 2 wreaths, 1 very large braid, or 2 dozen hot cross buns.

After forming, let double in bulk again. Bake at 350oF. until golden brown.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it in to the paper.

to give us a hand, please phone Karen Jensen, 476-6475, or Pastor Filtenborg 469-6123. On Behalf of the Ladies Aid Karen Jensen, President.

SMILE!
SMILE!
SMILE!

I caught a smile this morning
From a friend across the way,
And I brought it along to the office
To sustain me through the day
All the secretaries caught it,
And some of the bosses, too;
And all of them said, "Good morning,"
And none of them dropped a clue
That problems they had
Were terribly bad
Or couldn't be solved with dispatch.
And the reason my day has started this way
Is the smile that I happened to catch.

Ruby F. Thomas

SPORTS CORNER

BY OLE JENSEN

DANIA SOCCER CLUB (INDOOR LEAGUE) JAN. 21. Dania played against Capital G.T. and won the game by a score 4-2. Goals scored by OTTO BERG 1, DENNES BOWERS 1, FRITZ WOLF 2, JAN. 30 DANIA played against 1st D.F.C. and lost the game 4-1. The lone goal scored by FRITZ WOLF.

FEB. 11 DANIA played against Lions and won the game 6-3. Goals scored by WALTER MLI-NARITSCH 3, OTTO BERG 1, FRITZ WOLF 1 and DOUGLAS McDONALD 1.

All games were played in the Kinsmen Fieldhouse.

DANA SOCCER CLUB will try to get a junior team going, starting in early spring, and we hope to enter the team in the junior league. So if you are under the age of 18 and interested, please phone President TAGE AAQUIST at 475-3520 or OLE HENSEN at 475-2211.

Ole Jensen
Secretary.

QUESTION: WHAT IS A SOCCER MANAGER
by
Ed Pearson
Toronto

I would like to speak out for that much-maligned person, the guy who manages a soccer team. I will agree that sometimes there is room to criticize but when you consider that he gives up about 10 hours a week on the telephone making arrangements for practice sessions, grounds, etc.; pays out of his own pocket for parking while he attends boring league meetings and gets nothing for his trouble, what do you expect at these prices- Punch Imlach?

The night of the game you stagger into the dressing room, loaded down with the spare kit, water bottle, game ball, sponge, ball pump, oranges and clipboard.

Some dingaling who only has to bring his boots and his body to the game usually cries "Didn't you bring any garters to hold up my stockings?" One of my other favorites is the prize who bleats "Didn't you bring me any gum?"

And you think to yourself it would be more appropriate if he chewed on a dummy.

Kickoff time approaches and



KAREN MAGNUSSEN, Silver Medalist in the Ladies Single Figure Skating at the Olympics at Sapporo, Japan--only Canadian contestant to win an award.

one of your superstars has still not arrived. Half the team then confronts the manager with "Did you tell him where the game was?" You reassure them you did.

Their next question is: "But did you ring him up to remind him?" Everyone else got the message right but somehow it's the manager's fault because Harry Hotshot has goofed off.

The game has been on about 10 minutes when Harry strolls into the park. Everyone greets him like a long-lost brother. Of course, he has a good excuse. Like; the handle came off the television set just as he was leaving the house and he had to fix it before leaving.

"Never mind, mater, you're here now", the team choruses. By this time, we are only two goals down. Every team has the player who can never find the park. We have one who couldn't follow an elephant with bleeding feet through a snowdrift.

Then, you have the team politicians. They usually travel in bunches. They sidle up to you and tell you how they think poor old what's-his-face is losing his touch and what about dropping him down to the second team?

Eventually, you agree. About six weeks later, the same guys inform you that he's scoring like mad. They think you made an error in dropping him. All the time, they are making sympathetic noises to what's-his-face telling him what an injustice was done him by the manager.

Oh, and don't forget the new recruit who comes to you and asks for a trial. You ask whether he has played any good class football before. An injured frown masks his face while he informs you that it was a toss-up between Jimmy Greaves and himself over who would play inside-left for Chelsea.

He lost only because Jimmy's mother used to do the manager's washing.

You give him a trial with the first team and, of course, it turns out the guy doesn't know whether the ball is blown up or stuffed.

It may be crossing your mind that the soccer team is going to give me heck when they read this article, but I'm not worried.

They never listen to me; why should they read me?

1972 WORLD FIGURE SKATING

The 1972 World Figure Skating Championships, taking place in Calgary, March 7-11, will be the scene of a lively battle in the Women's section.

Fresh from the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, Canada's Silver Medal winner Karen Magnusson of North Vancouver will be the number one contender for the World Figure Skating crown. Her major competition will be from Trixi Schubert, the Olympic Gold Medal winner from Austria and from Janet Lynn of Rockford, Illinois, the third place Bronze Medal winner at Sapporo. Additional competition will come from Julie Holmes, the slender 21 year old native of North Hollywood, California, who finished fourth in the Olympics.

On Friday, March 10, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., CTV Television Sports will present one of the most thrilling figure skating competitions of all times when these female skaters compete for the Ladies World Figure Skating Crown.

CTV's coverage will be of the Free Skating competition. In this area Miss Lynn and Miss Magnusson ranked first and second respectively in Sapporo while Miss Schubert and Miss Holmes both scored high in the mandatory exercises at the Olympics but sagged badly in their free skating.

Johnny Esaw, Director of CTV Sports and Otto Jelinek, who with his sister won the 1962 World Pairs Figure Skating Championship will be commentators.

The 1972 World Figure Skating Championships is sponsored by Electrohome Ltd. through Russell T. Kelly Ltd., General Motors of Canada Ltd. through Foster Advertising Ltd., and The Toronto Dominion Bank through James Lovick Advertising Ltd.

ALBERTA DAIRY INDUSTRY GETS BOOST

The Alberta Government is taking steps to assist the dairy industry in the province.

Agriculture Minister, the Honourable Hugh Horner, said today that the aid will be in the form of guaranteed loans of up to \$6,000.

The producer loans will be used for construction of milk houses, for the installation of water and sewer facilities or for the purchase of dairy equipment to upgrade operations so that small producers can become industrial milk shippers instead of cream shippers, and thus be assured of a better income position.

The situation in the dairy industry has improved considerably during the past year. International prices for dairy products have increased substantially. This has been due mainly to cutbacks in European dairy production and droughts and climatic conditions in other parts of the world.

Dr. Horner said the Provincial Government is looking at a further incentive program to aid dairy production. He said there has been a decline in the number of milk cows in Canada and in Alberta in recent years. In order to help rectify this undesirable situation the Provincial Government is considering expanding the guarantee livestock loan program to the entire province for dairy cattle.

"Increased dairy production, the Agriculture Minister said, "will contribute significantly to the economy of the province. We have already seen the establishment of a cheese factory at Two Hills, Dr. Horner said, and two more cheese factory locations may be announced shortly if we can stimulate dairy production."

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Munich and the 1972 OLYMPICS

BY GARY JOHNSON



When the Olympic torch is ignited in Munich in September of this year, it will herald the realization of a dream for this German city of 1-1/2 million people.

At the end of the Second World War, Munich was a city destroyed. The downtown area was almost completely leveled to the ground and historical buildings and landmarks were no more.

The people had not only been crushed by defeat and the terrible aftermath of war but were left in a pile of rubble that had once been one of the most famous cities in Europe.

The next few years showed the fantastic spirit and proud heritage of the German people. They rebuilt that city, complete with all the famous buildings, churches and homes to the same appearance and condition that they were in prior to the war! Newer building designs were ignored because they wanted to recreate the old intriguing atmosphere of the famous city.

With the rapid growth of the German economy, Munich also grew and was virtually bursting at the seams. The awarding of the 1972 Olympics gave Munich the chance to enlarge and build many new facilities.

Munich today is a bustling action city rapidly preparing for September. New buildings are under construction everywhere. Old streets are being redone. Amid all this hustle and bustle, the Olym-

pic slogan can be seen everywhere. In store windows, cars, travel bags, T-shirts, billboards.

A visit to this old city during all this activity is quite an experience. Electric streetcars are presently the only logical way to get about in the city. The streetcars are now on an honor system with electric ticket machines that punch your ticket automatically. You buy your ticket from a coin operated machine at the bus stop. If you are caught riding without a valid ticket, you must immediately pay a fine of 10 Marks (\$3.30). Sound confusing?

The world famous October Beer Fest is an annual 3 week extravaganza that draws visitors from all over the world.



Each beer hall accomodates around 4,000 singing and drinking people who sing out their hearts to the music of a Bavarian brass band!

During the quieter times of the year, the people of Munich are a hard working lot, but still keep drinking! It is a fact that beer is the most popular daily beverage and it seems to fit in amazingly well with the workday.

The Olympic construction site is a real centre of interest right now. The huge-complex is visited daily by thousands interested in how things are progressing.

The television tower, located in the centre of the complex, was completed just a few months ago. It's the sixth highest structure in the world. The view of Munich and the surrounding countryside is breathtaking.

Because West Germany is such a self reliant economic power, the western influence has not reached them as much as it has in other European countries. Therefore, the people, on the whole, are not that knowledgeable about many countries in the world.

Well, the Olympics are changing that and the effect is already evident.

The Germans and their world guests will all benefit and come away with a better knowledge and understanding of one another.

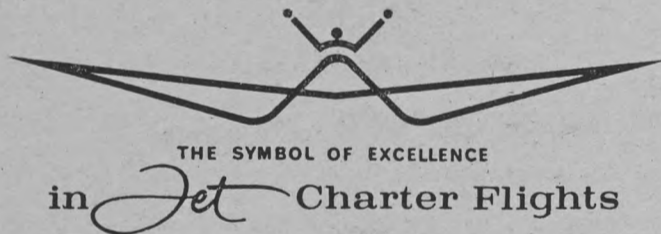
The real achievements of the 1972 Olympics in Munich will be seen for many years after the Olympic torch is extinguished.

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GREENLAND THE NEWEST ADVENTURE IN TRAVEL

Agreed that Greenland is the biggest island in the world. Agreed that Greenland is a part of the Kingdom of Denmark. But this does not necessarily mean that it is as easy to travel around on Greenland as it is on Hans Christian Andersen's island of Funen or along the Danish Riviera from Copenhagen to Hamlet's town of Elsinore.

It is actually still rather complicated to move around on Greenland. Many places can actually only be reached by dog-sleigh or helicopter, even during summer. Most of the fjords are frozen 9 months a year except the Discobay, accessible 5 months a year.

But that, of course, is what makes this island one of the most fascinating places in the world to visit. With its unspoiled greatness and its unique scenery it is well worth all the efforts.

Greenland is seven times larger than the British Isles or about 840,000 Sq. miles. The greater part of Greenland is situated to the north of the Arctic Circle. Along the coast there are granite mountains up to 12,247 feet high and behind them, in the interior, the immense Ice Age glacier, measuring 708,290 sq. miles in area and up to 1.8 miles in thickness.

Even if no visa is required for entering Greenland and no fundamental permission is needed to go there (except for some military bases that are out of bounds), you should make detailed preparations before going there as there are extremely few tourist accommodations available. In most

cases you will have to sleep in Dormitories or in modest private rooms except for the two new comfortable hotels in Godthaab and Jacobshavn as well as the other ones in Sondre Stromfjord and Narssarssuaq. Advance reservations are therefore necessary. If you plan to travel on your own, we suggest you write directly to the Ministry for Greenland, Hausergarde 3, Copenhagen K, regarding local transportation and accommodations.

One of the world's most awesome sights - the breaking off of icebergs into the sea - is now available for adventure-seekers this summer through a selection of package tours that include charter flights from Copenhagen and ship cruises along Greenland's dramatic west coast. As one sails along the west coast, Greenland's inland ice cap rises behind the coastal mountains like a giant white back, barren and shimmering, the product of snowfalls since the dawn of time. Five-sixths of Greenland lies under a two-mile-thick ice cap with never a thaw.

This vast mass of ice makes its way through the valleys and is out as glaciers into the fjords. There the edges break off - or "calve" - up to half a mile long and over 300 feet high. These are the icebergs which topple with a deafening crash, whipping up a giant tidal wave.

Here time has stood still. Jacobshavn Fjord, packed with floating icebergs of indescribable colors in summer, suggest the beginning of the world. The ice pushes out at 60 feet a day and sails south to meet with icebergs pushed out from glaciers

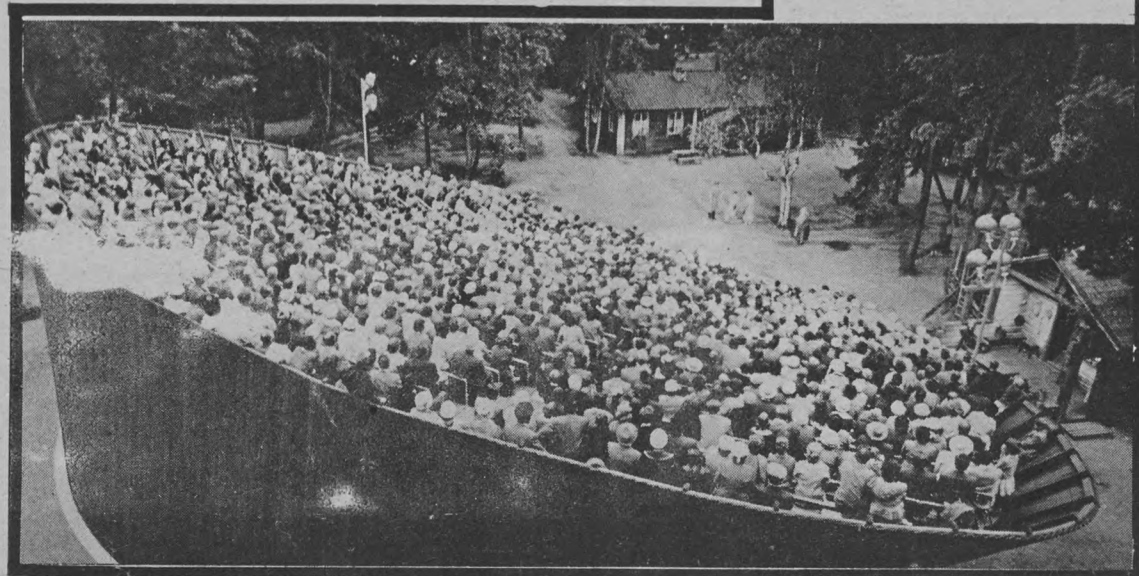
in the south Greenland fjords. In platoons they march south into the Atlantic and melt and vanish.

Approaching Greenland by sea through the islands, one feels it is deserted. Only the screaming of a few birds breaks the stillness. Towns are few and look like colorful doll houses thrown against the base of a white wall. When summer arrives, it thaws a brim of greenery around the ice cap and unlocks the frozen fjords. Since summers are short, plants luxuriate quickly, for night is light as day. Flowers and berries about, and it's time for Greenlanders to, literally, make hay. Ancient crumbling farms and churches are wrapped in dandelions and reindeer peep from behind birch and alder.

Greenlanders are mostly hunters and fishermen, but many are beginning to recognize the pleasure in developing tourism.

More and more travellers are discovering exotic Iceland. To handle the expected increase new and modern hotels await the travelers in Reykjavik, the capital city: the 219-room Leftleidir, the 90-room Saga and the 70-room Esja in addition to many others. Among the special interest tours slated for Iceland this summer are 10 day tours for nature-lovers in June, the Classical Icelandic Saga tours in July and August for those interested in history and culture and throughout the summer four and five day tours from Reykjavik to the arctic island of Greenland, a new adventure in tourism.

SINGULAR -- One of the most popular tourist attractions among Finland's nine annual Summer Festivals is the outdoor Tampere Summer Theatre.



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FINNISH SOCIETY



By Anne Sahuri

ANNUAL MEETING OF FINNISH SOCIETY

Dates to remember:
March 4th is the date set for Finnish Society Bazaar and dance to be held in Dania Room, Scandinavian Centre, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Finnish Society's annual fishing derby will be held on April 9th this year at Skeleton Lake. For advance registration contact either Urho Leino ph. 454-2246 or Pentti Sipari ph. 422-4685.

On sick list recently were: Mrs. Airi Langeste, Mrs. Violet Spenrath and Mrs. Toini Virtanen. Best wishes of speedy recovery to all of you.

A surprise house-warming party was held on Feb. 12th, 1972, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Kaino Nikkanen who moved to their lovely new home recently. Many friends came to wish happiness to Nikkanen's in their new home. During the evening, Mr. Rama gave a speech of good wishes and on behalf of all well wishers Mr. A. Ruuth presented the couple with a gift while Mrs. A. Leino presented flowers and the card.

Mrs. Edith Yeo of Toronto, Ontario was a recent visitor at the home of her son and family, Mr. & Mrs. Arsenault. Mrs. Arsenault (Aija) is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. Virtanen of Edmonton.

Mrs. Sirkka Ristola, 13013 - 82 St., Ph. 476-3483, will be taking memberships of Suomi Seura in Finland. Anyone interested should act now.

Membership fees to Finnish Society of Edmonton are payable to Matti Moisio, 801-13910 Stony Pl. Rd. Ph. 452-3137.

A Note to Readers:

Dear reader, time and again your correspondents are criticized about their columns in the paper. I am sure you all realize that your correspondents are working on a voluntary basis (without pay) spending their own time, gasoline, etc. and all they ask of you is to give them a phone call or send them a little note indicating the event that is to happen or has taken place already. We, the correspondents aren't working as professionals on daily newspapers - but even the dailies receive calls from people who want something covered in the paper.

So - if you don't see things in print you wished to see - maybe you should not criticize so readily. We need your support! Luckily we have the notes about meetings and dances, and perhaps a few items of interest sent in by the few constructive supporters of the correspondents. And to those who have contributed (and will continue to do so I'm sure) - my hearty thanks. All the items of interest are published free of charge to you. However if you want a picture to accompany the writeup there is a small fee for that.

So - I leave it to you - the reader. Don't criticize - patronize! Hoping for better communication Yours,
Anne Sahuri

The Annual Meeting of Finnish Society was held on Jan. 23, 1972, at the Scandinavian Centre.

Sirkka Ristola, president of past two years opened the meeting thanking everyone for their support and hoping for the support of membership towards the new executive.

Tauno Salomaa was elected chairman for the meeting. Secretary for the meeting was A Sahuri.

Paul Karvonen was elected president for 1972 by acclamation.

Other elected members of the executive are: vice-president and cultural committee member, Tuula Moisio; secretary-treasurer, Anne Sahuri; memberships, Matti Moisio; cultural committee member, Pentti Sipari; other members, Maria Utunen, Airi Langeste, Urho Leino, Jaakko Thurlin and George Tekoniemi.

Elected as auditors are John Rama and Lauri Vesalainen, deputy-auditors being Impi Honka and Laila Kujala.

After the usual business of the annual meeting, coffee was served thanks to Mrs. Liimatainen.

SCANDINAVIA - WHERE THE ACTION IS IN 1972

Scandinavia 1972 will be the place "where the action is" with new tours, new hotels and colorful events all over:

Those who'll be lucky enough to be in Denmark during the lovely month of May will have the opportunity to attend the Royal Ballet & Music Festival in Copenhagen from May 20 to June 5, when highlights from the winter season of the Royal Ballet and Opera will be presented. The traditional Viking festival will be held in Fredrikssund, 25 miles northwest of Copenhagen, from June 19 to July 5 with local people in colorful, authentic costumes presenting historical Viking plays. From September 2 to 10 the world-famous Old Town open-air museum at Aarhus will be brought to life with street fairs, historical performances of music and ballet and special exhibits. The museum will, of course, be open all summer.

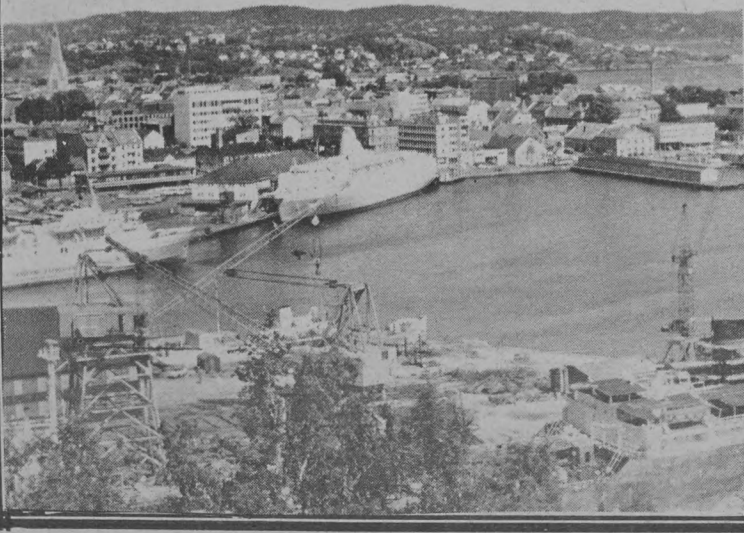
Finland is known for its great variety of tours on some of its 60,000 lakes but the traveller wanting to see more of Finland will be able to purchase an unlimited mileage rail-pass good for 15 days at \$30 for second class and \$45 for first class. Also of note in Finland this year will be new hotels, such as the 290-room Inter Continental and the 280-room Hesperia, both in Helsinki. The new Finlandia Hall in Helsinki will be open, seating 2,300 and some of the major music, opera and theatre festivals will be held here from August 26 to September 11. There will be eight other major festivals throughout Finland, starting June 3 in Kuopio.

During the early part of the summer the Kingdom of Norway will mark its 1100th anniversary with a celebration in Oslo on Constitution Day, May 17, and another in Stavanger on June 17, to be attended by King Olav V in commemoration of the famous Viking battle near Stavanger in 872, which marked the birth of Norway as a Kingdom. There will be additional cruises available along the fjord-studded Norwegian coast and there are excellent new hotels in the northern cities of Bodo and Tromso.

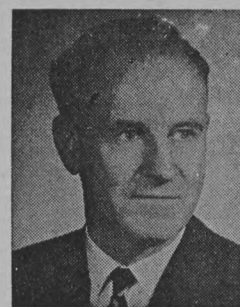
Travelling through Sweden will become simpler and cheaper this year as many hotels now accept the so called hotel cheques. A set of six of these coupons costs slightly more than \$50 and covers six nights' lodging in any of the co-operating hotels in addition to two meals a day. Other inexpensive packages are available to the budget-minded traveller in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmo. And Sweden is very youth-minded, offering the young traveller many "specials", such as air and train reductions, free language courses, inexpensive hostel accommodations, bicycle rentals and tours, excellent camping facilities, etc.

In other words, Scandinavia expects another record travel year!

Kristiansand on Norway's sunny South Coast was founded in 1641 by King Christian IV, the first city planner in Europe. (Photo from Norwegian National Tourist Office).



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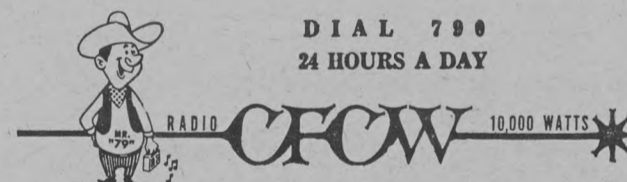
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INTRODUCTION

Olaf Sveen: I have again with me Dr. Charles Bourassa of the University of Alberta, and today we will have a talk on the law-system of the old North-men.

Olaf Sveen - Dr. Bourassa, what in your opinion was the Northman's attitude toward the law?

Dr. Bourassa - Let me say first, that actual information about Norse laws in Viking times is hard to come by, because the laws were not written down. A complex system of laws did exist though, and they were remembered by a law speaker who was responsible for passing on the information to younger generations. The laws were written down after Viking times. From Norway we have the Frostathing and the Gulathing laws which the saga say were originally drawn up by Hokon the Good. As the laws were not written until medieval times we cannot be certain how closely they follow the laws of the Viking era, but probably they are broadly similar.

Now, as to your question of the Viking's attitude toward the law, it appears that the laws were well respected. By this I don't mean the laws were always obeyed but I mean that if someone broke the law they expected punishment. I think also that the people respected the laws because without them they would be at the mercy of the stronger men of the district. The Frostathing law states, "By law the land should be built and not by lawlessness destroyed." In Nagal's saga one of the men says, "Without law - nothing."

Olaf Sveen - Would you say the laws help give us a picture of the times.

Dr. Bourassa - Yes, definitely. We have said before the Northmen were a proud people and the laws give us many examples of this. For example, people could be severely punished for composing satirical verses about someone or making remarks which cast doubt on a man's bravery or honor. The laws also provided protection for property rights and personal rights.

I might say a little about the

organization of the legal system. The land was divided into legal districts. Each would have law speakers who could recite the entire set of laws. If disputes could not be settled here there were higher courts which would hear the case. The laws specified the ways in which the disputants could summon witnesses and also specified penalties for those witnesses who failed to appear. The witness testified under oath and in many cases a jury was impaneled to decide the case. One aspect of the system which seems curious to us today is that the man who won the case had to carry out the penalty himself. This, of course, makes sense when we remember there were no police but it often made it difficult for a man with little money or few friends to insure that an outlaw was really driven out of the country. Another custom which made life difficult was the Holmgang. This was an officially recognized duel which could be used to settle disputes. It obviously gives an advantage to a warrior over a more peaceful man.

The kinds of penalties that could be levied by the court ranged from small fines to outlawing an individual. If one was declared an outlaw he could be killed with impunity by anyone and could receive no help from others. In general they left the country until the period of outlawing was up. In extreme cases an individual could be banished from the country forever.

Another law that seems peculiar to us has to do with murder, which meant if a man killed another and kept it secret he was guilty of murder. But if he publicly admitted the killing right after it was committed he was guilty only of manslaughter; a much less serious offense than murder.

I would also like to mention that the laws also dealt with treatment of people who were too poor or too feeble to take care of themselves. These laws are another indication that the Vikings were not as ruthless as often described. When an individual was not able to care for himself, responsibility fell first on the immediate family and then on the more remote relatives. Finally, if no one could be found to support the individual, the authorities could impose a tax on the local inhabitants to obtain funds to maintain the person. In Iceland there were also re-

strictions placed on the poor. For example, they could not marry unless they could support a family nor could they move about the land. Also all able-bodied poor were expected to work.

The emphasis on family responsibility just mentioned is to be found in many forms in the laws. Without giving any details, since we have discussed this on other programs, we may say that the laws reflect the importance of the family unit.

Olaf Sveen - An important law in Norway was the Odell law. This law prevents a farm from being sold away from the family. What do you think of this law?

Dr. Bourassa - We discussed this law on an earlier program dealing with reasons the Northman began to be a Viking. Probably one reason for the expansion of the Northman was the desire of the younger sons to acquire their own land, because the family land would go to the oldest son. This sort of law has some disadvantages if a few families can acquire large tracts of lands and force others to work the land for them. However, this does not seem to have been a problem in Scandinavia. As I already mentioned many of the Viking laws had to do with protection of the land. We mentioned in earlier programs, the Norse love of land. On many homesteads the original owner was buried in a mound on the property and this further increased the significance of the land to newer generations of the family.

It is probably important to realize that even the King could not lay claim to land and force the owner to leave. In fact, the power of the king was greatly limited by the laws. The king could rule only if the people wished him to rule. Of course, things did not always work out so smoothly but on previous programs I have given several examples of occasions on which the wishes of the king were overruled by the people.

Olaf Sveen - When Christianity was introduced, did they discard the old laws completely?

Dr. Bourassa - No, Many of the changes brought about by Christianity had to do with worship. Various kinds of sacrifices and festivals were forbidden or Christian festivals were substituted for pagan festivals. We discussed some of these changes on the Christmas broadcast. But in general the basic laws and the legal system remained the same. There were, however, some major changes caused by the church. One of the most beneficial was the development of scholarly activity which eventually gave us the Edda's and sagas which preserve much of the old oral traditions. Other changes were less beneficial. For example, the church was allowed to seize and acquire property and finally began to infringe on the property rights of individuals. Some of these changes will be discussed on later programs. Also on later programs we may want to examine old Norse laws in more detail when we trace out the very important effect the Norse laws have had on our present legal system. It may seem far fetched to say that these old laws had a major effect on our present ideas of law and justice but remember that the Northmen had conquered and settled in large parts of Europe. At one time much of England was under the Dane law.

For now let me summarize by saying that, unlike laws in most of Europe, the Viking laws emphasized the importance of rights of the individual and the importance of property rights. The laws limited the power of the king, allowed tribal jury, and ensured no case could be prosecuted nor any individual convicted without testimony by witnesses. While this legal system was far from being completely fair, it did provide protection for the individual which was not available in the rest of Europe.

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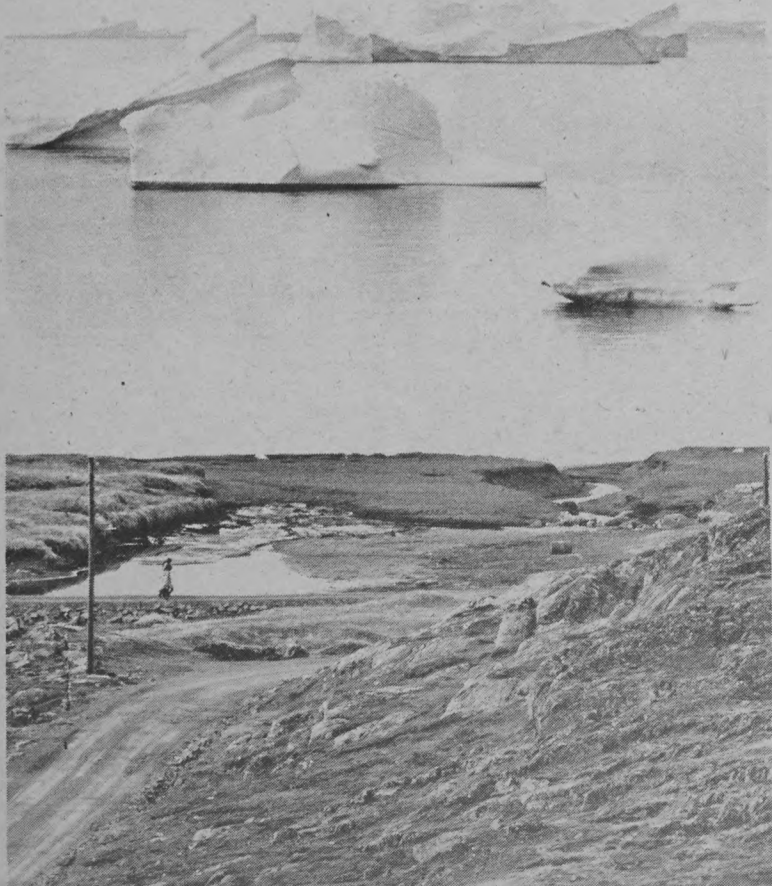
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